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Mines in the Zlatograd Area

1. There are several mines in the neighborhood of Boevo (N4126 E2459), Zlatograd district, which produce iron ore. Some of these mines also produce small quantities of other metals. The following mines in the Zlatograd area are operated by the Gorubso organization:
 - a. Strashimir shaft, located in the immediate vicinity of Boevo;
 - b. Gyadurska shaft, located three kilometers south of Boevo;
 - c. Madan shaft, located in the immediate vicinity of Madan (N4130 E2457), Smolyan district (N4131 E2445);
 - d. Petrovitsa shaft, located three to four kilometers west of Boevo;
 - e. Konski Dol shaft, located in the immediate vicinity of Konski Dol, Smolyan district; and
 - f. Krushev Dol shaft, located in Smolyan district.
2. The mined ore is transported to Kurdzhali (N4139 E2521) for processing. 50X1-HUM
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 no further details concerning types of ore, quantities, personnel, or operational data. It is known (sic) that the bulk of the ore is shipped north and some rumors state that it is taken to the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Geological Expedition

3. A geological group known as the "Strashimir Group" is attached to the Gorubso mining enterprise. The group is composed of several specialists and approximately

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80 laborers who have no specific headquarters, but work wherever needed. The group travels from shaft to shaft, testing the quality of the ore as well as testing for new shafts. During 1951, the group spent most of the year in Boevo where it was known as the Kompletna Geolozhna Ekspeditsiya "Strashimir."

4. The hierarchy of the group is divided into two classifications, as follows:

- a. Geologists, whose function is to perform geological surveys of the area; and
- b. Technicians and engineers, whose function is to discover ore veins and plan the exploitation of the veins.

5. The geological group had five 300-meter drills and three 500-meter drills of Soviet manufacture at its disposal. Each drill was serviced by nine workers working on three 3-man shifts which consisted of a shift foreman, a senior laborer, and a junior laborer.

6. The command personnel of the group were as follows:

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a. A certain Lida (last name unknown), group chief, a Soviet female geologist,

b. Boris Mikhailov, deputy group chief.

c. Aleksi Gladki, engineering supervisor, a Soviet drilling specialist

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d. A certain Ana (last name unknown), geological collector, Soviet specialist,

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e. A certain Grishin, drilling supervisor, Soviet specialist and senior driller.

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f. A certain Andre (last name unknown), drilling supervisor, Soviet specialist and senior driller

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g. Eftim Petkov, deputy drilling supervisor

h. Khristo Zhelev, deputy drilling supervisor

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i. Kostadin Stoyanov, deputy drilling supervisor

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j. Boris Bizov, group accountant

k. Rad Klisurski, chief of norms

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l. Yordanka Klisurska, cashier

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- m. A certain Stoyan (last name unknown), bookkeeper [redacted]
n. Name unknown, storekeeper [redacted]

7. During 1951, seven drillings were made in the Zlatograd and Smolyan districts. The group conducts operations during the entire year, as a result of which the illness rate among the laborers is extremely high.
8. During 1951, the daily wages were substantially lower than the previous year; the average daily wage for a laborer was 400 leva. The Soviet members of the group get much higher wages than any of the Bulgarians; the chief of the Soviets allegedly receives 130,000 leva per month. This discrepancy in salaries causes friction between the Soviets and the Bulgarians and many of the laborers, unable to keep silent, protest and are released from work for disciplinary reasons.
9. The geological group has its own store for furnishing Bulgarian personnel with food, clothing, and miscellaneous items. The Soviet specialists have a separate store in which the variety and quality of goods is much greater than that of the Bulgarian store.
10. In general, the Soviet specialists maltreat the Bulgarian workers, mainly in using foul language against them and calling them by various epithets, such as Mongolians, dogs, etc. This causes a tense situation continuously between the Soviet specialists and the Bulgarian laborers, but the laborers are unable to do anything about the situation because they would lose their jobs if they protested too strongly.

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